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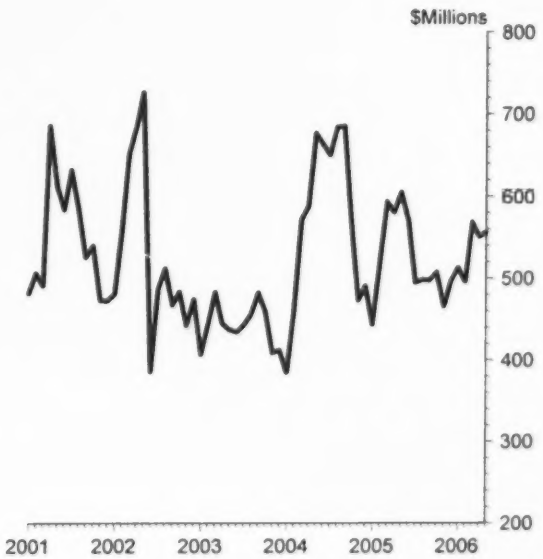
## Exports ◆ May 2006

- The value of BC origin exports climbed 5.8% in the January to May period of 2006 compared to the first five months of 2005. The most significant contributors to the increase were a 25.8% jump in exports of energy products and a 13.1% rise in shipments of machinery and equipment.
- Price inflation has been the primary reason for the surge in exports of energy products. While the value of natural gas exports has risen 20.6% in the first five months of 2006, quantities shipped have actually declined 1.5%. Similarly, higher prices were responsible for the 37.2% jump in shipments of coal as the quantity exported fell 12.0%. Electricity was an exception to the general trend in the energy sector as exports of that commodity slumped 29.0% although quantities exported fell only 2.4%.
- Exports of solid wood products edged down 0.7% in the first five months of 2006 due to declines in shipments of softwood lumber (-2.1%) and value added wood products (-9.1%). The drop in lumber exports was due to falling prices as the volume shipped actually climbed 8.8%. This may be a concern for lumber producers if the tentative softwood lumber agreement with the US goes through, because the level of export tax that companies will have to pay is tied to the price of lumber.
- Elsewhere in the forest sector, pulp and paper shipments were down 2.6% from last year. Newsprint exports have fallen both in value (-6.3%) and volume shipped (-8.7%). Lower pulp prices are responsible for the drop in the value of shipments of that good (-1.2%) as quantities shipped have actually increased (+5.3%).
- BC has increased the value of its exports to most of its main trading partners so far this year. Shipments to the US are up 4.7% year-to-date, while exports to Japan have surged 13.7% and commodity exports to the European Union have risen 2.3%. Shipments to South Korea (+28.1%) and India (+14.4%) have experienced robust growth; however, exports to China have been flat (-0.5%).

*Exports of softwood lumber have been slipping recently as prices have fallen*

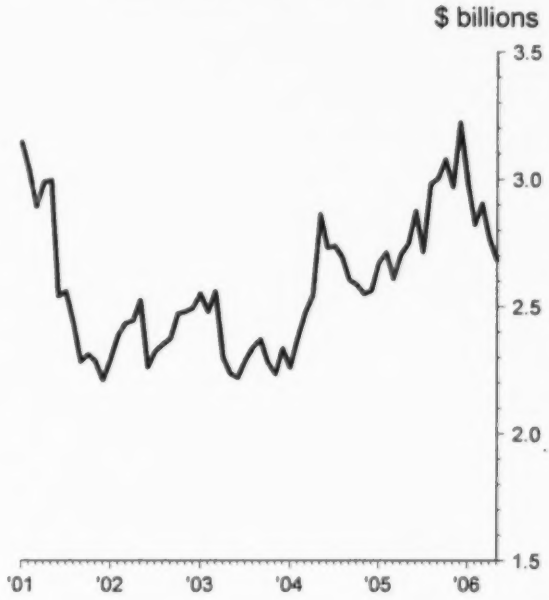


## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EXPORTS

Seasonal adjustment supplies a means of making month-to-month comparisons by removing the regular periodic seasonal fluctuations that occur. Variations from normal seasonal patterns are revealed in the seasonally adjusted data series.

- A 13.4% drop in exports of energy products combined with a 7.2% slump in shipments of machinery, equipment and automobiles resulted in a 3.0% dip in overall BC origin exports in May.
- Energy products (-18.0%) were also behind most of the 4.3% decline in exports to the US. While exports of energy to the rest of the world also fell (-6.6%), it was shipments of machinery, equipment and automobiles (-31.3%) that were responsible for most of the 0.6% drop in exports outside the US.

*A slump in energy exports has helped drive overall exports (adjusted for seasonality) down in recent months*




**BC Exports, Seasonally Adjusted ($Millions)**

| Month | Agriculture & Fish | Energy | Forest Products | Machinery& Equip, Auto | Industrial, Consumer | Total | Exports to USA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 2004 | 197 | 458 | 1,340 | 340 | 528 | 2,862 | 1,789 |
| Jun | 198 | 390 | 1,313 | 345 | 485 | 2,731 | 1,801 |
| Jul | 206 | 396 | 1,279 | 354 | 502 | 2,737 | 1,782 |
| Aug | 187 | 372 | 1,274 | 341 | 520 | 2,694 | 1,759 |
| Sep | 199 | 310 | 1,263 | 340 | 491 | 2,603 | 1,723 |
| Oct | 208 | 339 | 1,183 | 341 | 515 | 2,585 | 1,659 |
| Nov | 195 | 417 | 1,112 | 339 | 486 | 2,549 | 1,661 |
| Dec | 183 | 429 | 1,119 | 326 | 506 | 2,563 | 1,659 |
| Jan 2005 | 193 | 454 | 1,114 | 334 | 576 | 2,670 | 1,669 |
| Feb | 186 | 466 | 1,175 | 339 | 545 | 2,711 | 1,771 |
| Mar | 181 | 457 | 1,116 | 335 | 520 | 2,609 | 1,730 |
| Apr | 188 | 517 | 1,121 | 359 | 519 | 2,704 | 1,765 |
| May | 186 | 556 | 1,125 | 357 | 523 | 2,747 | 1,742 |
| Jun | 207 | 619 | 1,111 | 360 | 577 | 2,874 | 1,790 |
| Jul | 176 | 701 | 995 | 358 | 486 | 2,715 | 1,831 |
| Aug | 201 | 812 | 1,070 | 363 | 532 | 2,979 | 1,858 |
| Sep | 196 | 815 | 1,045 | 365 | 581 | 3,001 | 1,863 |
| Oct | 200 | 843 | 1,123 | 374 | 537 | 3,076 | 2,024 |
| Nov | 206 | 688 | 1,120 | 376 | 579 | 2,969 | 1,982 |
| Dec | 200 | 850 | 1,182 | 390 | 598 | 3,220 | 2,058 |
| Jan 2006 | 193 | 696 | 1,178 | 365 | 549 | 2,982 | 1,966 |
| Feb | 190 | 610 | 1,119 | 374 | 529 | 2,822 | 1,784 |
| Mar | 191 | 592 | 1,124 | 435 | 562 | 2,903 | 1,811 |
| Apr | 182 | 635 | 1,075 | 364 | 509 | 2,766 | 1,779 |
| May | 190 | 550 | 1,077 | 338 | 528 | 2,683 | 1,702 |

## Breaking the Interprovincial Trade Barrier

*BC and Alberta are moving toward barrier-free trade*

The federal government's announcement in April of a potential agreement to end the softwood lumber dispute with the United States overshadowed another trade deal that could potentially offer BC significant economic benefits. British Columbia and Alberta signed a free trade agreement aimed at eliminating barriers to trade, investment and labour mobility between the two provinces. Specific elements of the deal include the streamlining of business registration and reporting requirements, open access to government procurement, and the recognition of occupational certifications across the two provinces. The agreement is set to begin in April 2007 with a two-year transition period before it comes into full effect.

The deal struck by BC and Alberta has raised interest among the other provinces, signalling that it may be the beginning of the end of interprovincial trade barriers in Canada. These trade barriers do not come in the form of tariffs (which are expressly prohibited under Canada's constitution), but rather result from rules and regulations that differ across provinces. These differences often lead to duplication, such as the requirement for businesses to register in more than one province, or restrict labour mobility such as through the need for different certifications in different provinces. These are the types of situations that the BC-Alberta agreement attempts to address.

*BC has a deficit in trade with the rest of Canada, both in goods and in services*

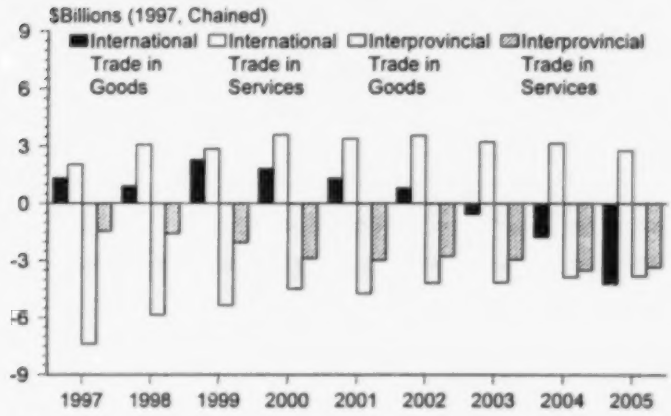
Interprovincial trade comprises a substantial portion of BC's economy. In 2005, the value of BC exports of goods and services to other countries was almost $48 billion, while BC exports to other provinces were valued at more than half that, at almost $26 billion.[1] BC also imports a significant amount of goods and services from other provinces. In fact, BC has a trade deficit in both goods and services with the rest of Canada. In other words, a higher value of goods and services are imported into the province from elsewhere in the country than are exported from BC to the rest of Canada. While the deficit in interprovincial trade in goods has been declining over the last several years, the services trade deficit has been climbing. Over the last three years, BC has also had a deficit in merchandise trade with other countries; however, the province has a solid surplus in international trade in services.

One of the primary reasons for the surplus in trade in services with other countries is BC's location, since a substantial share of BC's service exports is derived from the transportation, storage and handling of goods. A large portion of the merchandise traded between Canada and countries of the Pacific Rim is moved through BC via its ports, railways, highways and airports and the

[1] Note that these data are from the Economic Accounts and are on a balance of payments basis and therefore do not match international trade data in the tables of this report, which are on a customs basis.

transportation and storage of these goods constitutes a service export.

With the exception of trade in services to other countries, BC's trade balance is usually in deficit



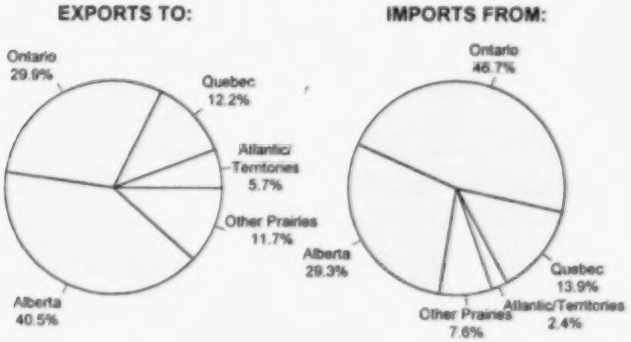

Source: Statistics Canada

*BC's only trade surplus is in international trade in services*

The bulk of BC's interprovincial trade is with just three provinces: Ontario, Alberta and Quebec. Between 1997 and 2002, about 83% of BC's interprovincial exports and 90% of interprovincial imports were traded to and from these three provinces. Approximately 30% of BC's exports to other provinces were destined for Ontario, while just under half (47%) of imports of goods and services originated in Ontario. Alberta was the destination of 40% of BC's interprovincial exports and the origin of 29% of imports. Given that central Canada is the country's manufacturing hub and Alberta is right next door, it is not all that surprising that these provinces dominate the interprovincial trade picture with BC. The significant value of trade with Alberta should be enhanced even further when the new trade agreement comes into effect.

Ontario, Quebec and Alberta are responsible for the bulk of interprovincial trade with BC

1997-2002 Average




Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats

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Estimates of how much interprovincial trade barriers cost the Canadian economy vary, but business leaders across the country believe these barriers are seriously damaging to the economy. In a COMPAS poll published in September 2004, 32% of business leaders felt that interprovincial barriers were worse than the barriers to Canada-US trade, with a further 22% feeling they were about the same.[2] Barriers to labour mobility topped the list in terms of causing the most harm to the economy with 72% of respondents ranking restrictions relating to labour as serious or very serious.

*54% of business leaders polled feel that interprovincial trade barriers are at least as serious as barriers to Canada-US trade*

These non-tariff interprovincial trade barriers have been an issue for many years, which is why the provinces signed an Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) back in 1994. However, the AIT has only had limited success in tearing down the walls to trade within Canada, partly because of a dispute resolution mechanism that is too complicated, but mainly because it is not legally binding. The BC-Alberta agreement may be the first step toward creating a more workable version of a nation-wide agreement.

[2] Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers: A BDO Dunwoody/Chamber Weekly CEO/Business Leader Poll by COMPAS in the Financial Post for Publication September 13, 2004.

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## NOTES

**Countries Included Within World Regions:**
**(1) Western Europe:** United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.
**(2) Eastern Europe:** other Europe, including all of Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, etc.
**(3) South East Asia:** Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Myanmar, Kampuchea, Laos, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.
**(4) Africa:** continental Africa, excluding Ethiopia, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Egypt.
**(5) South America:** continental South America from Colombia and Venezuela south to Chile and Argentina, including offshore islands, but not Caribbean.
**(6) Central America and Caribbean:** from Guatemala and Belize to Panama, plus Caribbean Islands.
**(7) Pacific Rim (including Japan):** Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Laos, Mongolia, China, Indonesia, North Korea, South Korea, Philippines, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand.
**(8) Pacific Rim:** as above, but excluding Japan.
**(9) Middle East:** from Turkey and Iran south through the Arabian Peninsula. Excluding Afghanistan and Pakistan, but including Cyprus, Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Libya.

The **European Union** is the membership as of May 1, 2004: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

**'Selected Value-added Wood Products'** category includes prefabricated houses, doors, windows, furniture, moulding, siding, etc. It does not include panel products, shakes, shingles or any pulp and paper products.

**Revisions**
Statistics Canada revises trade data for the previous three data years with release of the December data. The revision number is indicated in the footer of the tables (e.g., Rev 1 is the first annual revision, etc., and Prelim indicates it is the first release of data to December for that year). In addition to annual revisions, Statistics Canada revises the data for the previous data year every quarter (indicated in the footer by Rev Q1, etc).

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## B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

| | MAY | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | | ANNUAL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2005 | 2006 | CHANGE 2005-06 | 2005 | 2006 | CHANGE 2005-06 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | VALUES ($,000) | | (%) | VALUES ($,000) | | (%) | VALUES ($,000) | | |
| United Kingdom | 45,637 | 22,720 | -50.2% | 147,470 | 183,966 | 24.7% | 302,431 | 340,151 | 420,910 |
| Germany | 42,097 | 28,823 | -31.5% | 180,524 | 202,073 | 11.9% | 364,273 | 415,542 | 477,388 |
| People's Republic of China | 112,313 | 98,710 | -12.1% | 524,301 | 521,751 | -0.5% | 907,766 | 1,262,965 | 1,376,338 |
| Hong Kong | 17,374 | 18,254 | 5.1% | 105,569 | 86,591 | -18.0% | 179,573 | 254,224 | 226,299 |
| Taiwan | 31,933 | 46,687 | 46.2% | 184,867 | 206,092 | 11.5% | 428,132 | 482,240 | 511,369 |
| Japan | 376,526 | 383,806 | 1.9% | 1,556,386 | 1,769,722 | 13.7% | 3,649,686 | 3,799,308 | 4,171,195 |
| South Korea | 94,881 | 128,096 | 35.0% | 395,886 | 507,223 | 28.1% | 772,125 | 909,249 | 1,173,051 |
| India | 9,223 | 23,552 | 155.4% | 84,533 | 96,727 | 14.4% | 107,899 | 131,756 | 193,714 |
| Australia | 14,669 | 12,376 | -15.6% | 68,769 | 65,482 | -4.8% | 200,826 | 222,136 | 178,893 |
| Mexico | 26,084 | 23,633 | -9.4% | 108,451 | 84,666 | -21.9% | 107,269 | 197,164 | 239,891 |
| United States | 1,854,473 | 1,820,464 | -1.8% | 8,630,113 | 9,036,701 | 4.7% | 18,792,350 | 20,121,209 | 22,081,453 |
| other | 278,697 | 263,278 | -5.5% | 1,274,793 | 1,263,592 | -0.9% | 2,377,002 | 2,841,699 | 3,224,672 |
| **Total International Exports** | **2,903,908** | **2,870,398** | **-1.2%** | **13,261,660** | **14,024,587** | **5.8%** | **28,189,333** | **30,977,644** | **34,275,171** |
| 1) Western Europe | 226,864 | 176,881 | -22.0% | 977,114 | 997,294 | 2.1% | 1,877,274 | 2,179,751 | 2,465,652 |
| 2) Eastern Europe | 8,364 | 13,739 | 64.3% | 29,038 | 36,126 | 24.4% | 35,532 | 77,408 | 128,319 |
| 3) South East Asia | 39,446 | 68,014 | 72.4% | 203,744 | 206,600 | 1.4% | 402,849 | 466,641 | 470,944 |
| 4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East) | 4,791 | 4,040 | -15.7% | 22,059 | 20,799 | -5.7% | 65,433 | 55,094 | 58,942 |
| 5) South America | 33,376 | 26,067 | -21.9% | 145,128 | 194,374 | 33.9% | 281,172 | 319,260 | 437,936 |
| 6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.) | 6,551 | 8,359 | 27.6% | 39,527 | 55,898 | 41.4% | 64,728 | 92,183 | 109,429 |
| 7) Pacific Rim (including Japan) | 691,474 | 760,358 | 10.0% | 3,064,644 | 3,388,586 | 10.6% | 6,598,713 | 7,493,053 | 8,186,103 |
| 8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan) | 314,947 | 376,553 | 19.6% | 1,508,259 | 1,618,864 | 7.3% | 2,949,027 | 3,693,745 | 4,014,908 |
| 9) Middle East | 32,354 | 9,263 | -71.4% | 122,589 | 95,889 | -21.8% | 207,976 | 248,472 | 310,713 |
| | SHARE OF TOTAL (%) | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 1.6% | 0.8% | | 1.1% | 1.3% | | 1.1% | 1.1% | 1.2% |
| Germany | 1.4% | 1.0% | | 1.4% | 1.4% | | 1.3% | 1.3% | 1.4% |
| People's Republic of China | 3.9% | 3.4% | | 4.0% | 3.7% | | 3.2% | 4.1% | 4.0% |
| Hong Kong | 0.6% | 0.6% | | 0.8% | 0.6% | | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0.7% |
| Taiwan | 1.1% | 1.6% | | 1.4% | 1.5% | | 1.5% | 1.6% | 1.5% |
| Japan | 13.0% | 13.4% | | 11.7% | 12.6% | | 12.9% | 12.3% | 12.2% |
| South Korea | 3.3% | 4.5% | | 3.0% | 3.6% | | 2.7% | 2.9% | 3.4% |
| India | 0.3% | 0.8% | | 0.6% | 0.7% | | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.6% |
| Australia | 0.5% | 0.4% | | 0.5% | 0.5% | | 0.7% | 0.7% | 0.5% |
| Mexico | 0.9% | 0.8% | | 0.8% | 0.6% | | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| United States | 63.9% | 63.4% | | 65.1% | 64.4% | | 66.7% | 65.0% | 64.4% |
| other | 9.6% | 9.2% | | 9.6% | 9.0% | | 8.4% | 9.2% | 9.4% |
| **Total International Exports** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** |
| 1) Western Europe | 7.8% | 6.2% | | 7.4% | 7.1% | | 6.7% | 7.0% | 7.2% |
| 2) Eastern Europe | 0.3% | 0.5% | | 0.2% | 0.3% | | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| 3) South East Asia | 1.4% | 2.4% | | 1.5% | 1.5% | | 1.4% | 1.5% | 1.4% |
| 4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East) | 0.2% | 0.1% | | 0.2% | 0.1% | | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| 5) South America | 1.1% | 0.9% | | 1.1% | 1.4% | | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.3% |
| 6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.) | 0.2% | 0.3% | | 0.3% | 0.4% | | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| 7) Pacific Rim (including Japan) | 23.8% | 26.5% | | 23.1% | 24.2% | | 23.4% | 24.2% | 23.9% |
| 8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan) | 10.8% | 13.1% | | 11.4% | 11.5% | | 10.5% | 11.9% | 11.7% |
| 9) Middle East | 1.1% | 0.3% | | 0.9% | 0.7% | | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.9% |

See attached NOTES for countries within listed regions.

## B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to ALL COUNTRIES
## – SELECTED COMMODITIES –

| | MAY | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | CHANGE | | | CHANGE | SHARE | |
| | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 (%) | 2006 (%) |
| **SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS** | **904,578** | **831,210** | **-8.1%** | **4,037,159** | **4,009,362** | **-0.7%** | **30.4%** | **28.6%** |
| Lumber (softwood) | 604,377 | 556,115 | -8.0% | 2,740,748 | 2,683,639 | -2.1% | 20.7% | 19.1% |
| Cedar Shakes and Shingles | 22,811 | 23,495 | 3.0% | 94,917 | 101,257 | 6.7% | 0.7% | 0.7% |
| Plywood and Veneer (softwood) | 37,727 | 39,098 | 3.6% | 186,700 | 199,015 | 6.6% | 1.4% | 1.4% |
| Other Panel Products | 65,377 | 72,212 | 10.5% | 317,314 | 345,647 | 8.9% | 2.4% | 2.5% |
| Selected Value Added Wood Products | 97,070 | 77,832 | -19.8% | 405,693 | 368,796 | -9.1% | 3.1% | 2.6% |
| Other | 77,216 | 62,459 | -19.1% | 291,787 | 311,008 | 6.6% | 2.2% | 2.2% |
| **PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS** | **378,810** | **390,193** | **3.0%** | **1,927,209** | **1,877,089** | **-2.6%** | **14.5%** | **13.4%** |
| Pulp | 215,724 | 219,381 | 1.7% | 1,079,929 | 1,067,085 | -1.2% | 8.1% | 7.6% |
| Newsprint | 50,645 | 51,070 | 0.8% | 273,573 | 256,216 | -6.3% | 2.1% | 1.8% |
| Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint | 97,342 | 107,107 | 10.0% | 503,653 | 487,168 | -3.3% | 3.8% | 3.5% |
| Other | 15,100 | 12,636 | -16.3% | 70,054 | 66,641 | -4.9% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH** | **127,568** | **132,686** | **4.0%** | **581,057** | **513,502** | **-11.6%** | **4.4%** | **3.7%** |
| Fruit and Nuts | 5,666 | 2,789 | -50.8% | 31,917 | 26,853 | -15.9% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Vegetables | 30,720 | 27,296 | -11.1% | 92,430 | 72,772 | -21.3% | 0.7% | 0.5% |
| Other | 91,182 | 102,602 | 12.5% | 456,710 | 413,877 | -9.4% | 3.4% | 3.0% |
| **FISH PRODUCTS** | **107,807** | **95,518** | **-11.4%** | **345,152** | **354,024** | **2.6%** | **2.6%** | **2.5%** |
| Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon | 12,299 | 10,435 | -15.2% | 47,462 | 50,153 | 5.7% | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen | 31,084 | 30,623 | -1.5% | 128,321 | 152,318 | 18.7% | 1.0% | 1.1% |
| Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc. | 8,435 | 6,365 | -24.5% | 34,022 | 29,661 | -12.8% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Other | 55,989 | 48,096 | -14.1% | 135,347 | 121,893 | -9.9% | 1.0% | 0.9% |
| **METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS** | **216,385** | **259,311** | **19.8%** | **1,152,586** | **1,190,270** | **3.3%** | **8.7%** | **8.5%** |
| Copper Ores and Concentrates | 42,456 | 73,141 | 72.3% | 336,702 | 401,661 | 19.3% | 2.5% | 2.9% |
| Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates | 59,684 | 32,276 | -45.9% | 256,818 | 180,395 | -29.8% | 1.9% | 1.3% |
| Unwrought Aluminum | 44,909 | 84,504 | 88.2% | 248,964 | 288,696 | 16.0% | 1.9% | 2.1% |
| Unwrought Zinc | 40,016 | 32,030 | -20.0% | 175,302 | 173,097 | -1.3% | 1.3% | 1.2% |
| Other | 29,320 | 37,359 | 27.4% | 134,800 | 146,421 | 8.6% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| **ENERGY PRODUCTS** | **555,098** | **533,721** | **-3.9%** | **2,381,212** | **2,995,934** | **25.8%** | **18.0%** | **21.4%** |
| Natural Gas | 282,656 | 261,752 | -7.4% | 1,314,860 | 1,585,088 | 20.6% | 9.9% | 11.3% |
| Coal | 238,471 | 238,478 | 0.0% | 908,635 | 1,246,485 | 37.2% | 6.9% | 8.9% |
| Electricity | 17,109 | 21,145 | 23.6% | 101,102 | 71,819 | -29.0% | 0.8% | 0.5% |
| Other | 16,862 | 12,346 | -26.8% | 56,615 | 92,543 | 63.5% | 0.4% | 0.7% |
| **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT** | **289,410** | **304,009** | **5.0%** | **1,332,191** | **1,507,074** | **13.1%** | **10.0%** | **10.7%** |
| Motor Vehicles and Parts | 38,450 | 34,278 | -10.9% | 172,442 | 164,882 | -4.4% | 1.3% | 1.2% |
| Electrical/Electronic/Communications | 55,019 | 56,376 | 2.5% | 238,179 | 282,114 | 18.4% | 1.8% | 2.0% |
| Other | 195,941 | 213,356 | 8.9% | 921,570 | 1,060,078 | 15.0% | 6.9% | 7.6% |
| **PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC** | **47,890** | **51,732** | **8.0%** | **216,477** | **240,153** | **10.9%** | **1.6%** | **1.7%** |
| **APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES** | **8,242** | **10,089** | **22.4%** | **45,989** | **60,319** | **31.2%** | **0.3%** | **0.4%** |
| **ALL OTHER COMMODITIES** | **268,120** | **261,928** | **-2.3%** | **1,242,627** | **1,276,859** | **2.8%** | **9.4%** | **9.1%** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **2,903,908** | **2,870,398** | **-1.2%** | **13,261,660** | **14,024,587** | **5.8%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** |



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## – SELECTED COMMODITIES –

| | MAY | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | CHANGE | | | CHANGE | SHARE | |
| | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 (%) | 2006 (%) |
| **SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS** | **695,348** | **656,707** | **-5.6%** | **3,173,339** | **3,185,282** | **0.4%** | **36.8%** | **35.2%** |
| Lumber (softwood) | 460,026 | 424,559 | -7.7% | 2,110,103 | 2,071,675 | -1.8% | 24.5% | 22.9% |
| Cedar Shakes and Shingles | 21,657 | 22,386 | 3.4% | 90,843 | 95,670 | 5.3% | 1.1% | 1.1% |
| Plywood and Veneer (softwood) | 36,255 | 37,774 | 4.2% | 173,192 | 193,934 | 12.0% | 2.0% | 2.1% |
| Other Panel Products | 61,572 | 68,704 | 11.6% | 301,909 | 330,345 | 9.4% | 3.5% | 3.7% |
| Selected Value Added Wood Products | 77,934 | 67,691 | -13.1% | 340,818 | 321,462 | -5.7% | 3.9% | 3.6% |
| Other | 37,904 | 35,592 | -6.1% | 156,474 | 172,197 | 10.0% | 1.8% | 1.9% |
| **PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS** | **169,173** | **184,572** | **9.1%** | **880,478** | **882,965** | **0.3%** | **10.2%** | **9.8%** |
| Pulp | 53,895 | 64,323 | 19.3% | 298,443 | 306,593 | 2.7% | 3.5% | 3.4% |
| Newsprint | 30,520 | 28,468 | -6.7% | 144,548 | 148,530 | 2.8% | 1.7% | 1.6% |
| Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint | 72,727 | 81,776 | 12.4% | 382,044 | 375,511 | -1.7% | 4.4% | 4.2% |
| Other | 12,030 | 10,004 | -16.8% | 55,443 | 52,331 | -5.6% | 0.6% | 0.6% |
| **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH** | **86,458** | **89,677** | **3.7%** | **360,248** | **372,438** | **3.4%** | **4.2%** | **4.1%** |
| Fruit and Nuts | 4,048 | 1,983 | -51.0% | 21,803 | 17,528 | -19.6% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Vegetables | 27,706 | 26,319 | -5.0% | 80,149 | 70,795 | -11.7% | 0.9% | 0.8% |
| Other | 54,704 | 61,376 | 12.2% | 258,296 | 284,115 | 10.0% | 3.0% | 3.1% |
| **FISH PRODUCTS** | **46,474** | **42,919** | **-7.6%** | **187,001** | **213,932** | **14.4%** | **2.2%** | **2.4%** |
| Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon | 6,522 | 5,263 | -19.3% | 23,517 | 26,241 | 11.6% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen | 23,305 | 24,662 | 5.8% | 99,182 | 131,617 | 32.7% | 1.1% | 1.5% |
| Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc. | 3,433 | 1,881 | -45.2% | 15,767 | 10,906 | -30.8% | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Other | 13,215 | 11,113 | -15.9% | 48,536 | 45,168 | -6.9% | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| **METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS** | **62,360** | **55,693** | **-10.7%** | **291,516** | **263,377** | **-9.7%** | **3.4%** | **2.9%** |
| Copper Ores and Concentrates | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates | 15,682 | 11,906 | -24.1% | 89,030 | 55,020 | -38.2% | 1.0% | 0.6% |
| Unwrought Aluminum | 5,741 | 10,787 | 87.9% | 22,089 | 37,468 | 69.6% | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| Unwrought Zinc | 29,683 | 19,752 | -33.5% | 131,830 | 107,822 | -18.2% | 1.5% | 1.2% |
| Other | 11,254 | 13,248 | 17.7% | 48,567 | 63,068 | 29.9% | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| **ENERGY PRODUCTS** | **332,084** | **307,912** | **-7.3%** | **1,542,250** | **1,803,709** | **17.0%** | **17.9%** | **20.0%** |
| Natural Gas | 282,656 | 261,752 | -7.4% | 1,314,860 | 1,585,088 | 20.6% | 15.2% | 17.5% |
| Coal | 15,517 | 12,681 | -18.3% | 70,248 | 68,123 | -3.0% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| Electricity | 17,109 | 21,145 | 23.6% | 101,102 | 71,819 | -29.0% | 1.2% | 0.8% |
| Other | 16,802 | 12,334 | -26.6% | 56,039 | 78,679 | 40.4% | 0.6% | 0.9% |
| **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT** | **206,959** | **226,292** | **9.3%** | **981,391** | **1,057,099** | **7.7%** | **11.4%** | **11.7%** |
| Motor Vehicles and Parts | 30,800 | 29,883 | -3.0% | 141,470 | 143,418 | 1.4% | 1.6% | 1.6% |
| Electrical/Electronic/Communications | 41,185 | 39,671 | -3.7% | 176,664 | 203,108 | 15.0% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| Other | 134,974 | 156,738 | 16.1% | 663,258 | 710,574 | 7.1% | 7.7% | 7.9% |
| **PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC** | **44,141** | **47,861** | **8.4%** | **201,631** | **221,454** | **9.8%** | **2.3%** | **2.5%** |
| **APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES** | **7,118** | **9,081** | **27.6%** | **36,368** | **50,660** | **39.3%** | **0.4%** | **0.6%** |
| **ALL OTHER COMMODITIES** | **204,358** | **199,749** | **-2.3%** | **975,890** | **985,785** | **1.0%** | **11.3%** | **10.9%** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **1,854,473** | **1,820,464** | **-1.8%** | **8,630,113** | **9,036,701** | **4.7%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** |

## B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to JAPAN
## – SELECTED COMMODITIES –

| | MAY | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | CHANGE | | | CHANGE | SHARE | |
| | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 (%) | 2006 (%) |
| **SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS** | **139,295** | **111,212** | **-20.2%** | **562,666** | **551,751** | **-1.9%** | **36.2%** | **31.2%** |
| Lumber (softwood) | 94,196 | 84,266 | -10.5% | 403,538 | 405,499 | 0.5% | 25.9% | 22.9% |
| Cedar Shakes and Shingles | 4 | 22 | 498.1% | 15 | 34 | 117.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Plywood and Veneer (softwood) | 901 | 712 | -21.0% | 6,844 | 2,594 | -62.1% | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| Other Panel Products | 2,887 | 2,097 | -27.4% | 12,322 | 9,738 | -21.0% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| Selected Value Added Wood Products | 13,400 | 8,502 | -36.6% | 48,402 | 37,582 | -22.4% | 3.1% | 2.1% |
| Other | 27,907 | 15,614 | -44.1% | 91,544 | 96,305 | 5.2% | 5.9% | 5.4% |
| **PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS** | **25,464** | **26,908** | **5.7%** | **134,832** | **115,778** | **-14.1%** | **8.7%** | **6.5%** |
| Pulp | 20,252 | 26,035 | 28.6% | 106,515 | 109,501 | 2.8% | 6.8% | 6.2% |
| Newsprint | 3,743 | 316 | -91.6% | 21,447 | 2,250 | -89.5% | 1.4% | 0.1% |
| Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint | 1,033 | 298 | -71.2% | 5,506 | 2,735 | -50.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| Other | 436 | 260 | -40.4% | 1,364 | 1,292 | -5.3% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH** | **9,666** | **24,424** | **152.7%** | **53,966** | **54,675** | **1.3%** | **3.5%** | **3.1%** |
| Fruit and Nuts | 1,255 | 735 | -41.4% | 4,920 | 5,769 | 17.3% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Vegetables | 169 | 35 | -79.1% | 391 | 310 | -20.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other | 8,243 | 23,654 | 187.0% | 48,655 | 48,596 | -0.1% | 3.1% | 2.7% |
| **FISH PRODUCTS** | **39,718** | **30,731** | **-22.6%** | **74,382** | **60,261** | **-19.0%** | **4.8%** | **3.4%** |
| Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon | 2,878 | 2,782 | -3.3% | 13,938 | 10,992 | -21.1% | 0.9% | 0.6% |
| Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen | 4,122 | 3,268 | -20.7% | 9,528 | 7,796 | -18.2% | 0.6% | 0.4% |
| Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc. | 191 | 105 | -45.0% | 858 | 1,256 | 46.4% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Other | 32,527 | 24,576 | -24.4% | 50,058 | 40,218 | -19.7% | 3.2% | 2.3% |
| **METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS** | **83,293** | **97,682** | **17.3%** | **460,827** | **513,367** | **11.4%** | **29.6%** | **29.0%** |
| Copper Ores and Concentrates | 25,763 | 11,268 | -56.3% | 157,719 | 207,739 | 31.7% | 10.1% | 11.7% |
| Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates | 14,936 | 12,212 | -18.2% | 69,145 | 65,056 | -5.9% | 4.4% | 3.7% |
| Unwrought Aluminum | 29,199 | 50,945 | 74.5% | 163,119 | 170,454 | 4.5% | 10.5% | 9.6% |
| Unwrought Zinc | 500 | 0 | -100.0% | 2,513 | 2,624 | 4.4% | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Other | 12,895 | 23,257 | 80.4% | 68,331 | 67,494 | -1.2% | 4.4% | 3.8% |
| **ENERGY PRODUCTS** | **54,964** | **77,506** | **41.0%** | **195,072** | **356,611** | **82.8%** | **12.5%** | **20.2%** |
| Natural Gas | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Coal | 54,927 | 77,501 | 41.1% | 194,851 | 356,533 | 83.0% | 12.5% | 20.1% |
| Electricity | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other | 37 | 4 | -88.0% | 221 | 78 | -64.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT** | **9,966** | **5,775** | **-42.1%** | **33,952** | **60,269** | **77.5%** | **2.2%** | **3.4%** |
| Motor Vehicles and Parts | 1,672 | 197 | -88.2% | 6,147 | 1,644 | -73.3% | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| Electrical/Electronic/Communications | 1,355 | 1,635 | 20.6% | 4,147 | 6,292 | 51.7% | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| Other | 6,938 | 3,943 | -43.2% | 23,659 | 52,333 | 121.2% | 1.5% | 3.0% |
| **PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC** | **335** | **367** | **9.6%** | **1,403** | **1,261** | **-10.1%** | **0.1%** | **0.1%** |
| **APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES** | **243** | **106** | **-56.6%** | **2,350** | **1,794** | **-23.8%** | **0.2%** | **0.1%** |
| **ALL OTHER COMMODITIES** | **13,581** | **9,095** | **-33.0%** | **36,935** | **53,954** | **46.1%** | **2.4%** | **3.0%** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **376,526** | **383,806** | **1.9%** | **1,556,386** | **1,769,722** | **13.7%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** |



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## B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to the EUROPEAN UNION*
## – SELECTED COMMODITIES –

| | MAY | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | CHANGE | | | CHANGE | SHARE | |
| | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 ($,000) | 2006 ($,000) | 2005-06 (%) | 2005 (%) | 2006 (%) |
| **SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS** | **33,362** | **25,629** | **-23.2%** | **128,021** | **120,474** | **-5.9%** | **13.3%** | **12.2%** |
| Lumber (softwood) | 24,483 | 16,919 | -30.9% | 99,312 | 89,324 | -10.1% | 10.3% | 9.0% |
| Cedar Shakes and Shingles | 555 | 618 | 11.4% | 2,256 | 3,243 | 43.7% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| Plywood and Veneer (softwood) | 240 | 275 | 14.6% | 4,428 | 870 | -80.3% | 0.5% | 0.1% |
| Other Panel Products | 46 | 32 | -29.3% | 268 | 145 | -46.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Selected Value Added Wood Products | 1,938 | 919 | -52.6% | 3,860 | 4,859 | 25.9% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Other | 6,100 | 6,866 | 12.6% | 17,897 | 22,033 | 23.1% | 1.9% | 2.2% |
| **PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS** | **58,082** | **34,837** | **-40.0%** | **301,633** | **198,893** | **-34.1%** | **31.2%** | **20.1%** |
| Pulp | 55,004 | 31,283 | -43.1% | 268,180 | 175,514 | -34.6% | 27.8% | 17.8% |
| Newsprint | 0 | 0 | NA | 7,327 | 72 | -99.0% | 0.8% | 0.0% |
| Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint | 3,028 | 3,537 | 16.8% | 25,899 | 23,017 | -11.1% | 2.7% | 2.3% |
| Other | 50 | 17 | -65.5% | 227 | 289 | 27.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH** | **2,109** | **3,341** | **58.4%** | **11,528** | **11,187** | **-3.0%** | **1.2%** | **1.1%** |
| Fruit and Nuts | 32 | 3 | -91.9% | 51 | 151 | 196.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Vegetables | 88 | 15 | -83.2% | 1,089 | 165 | -84.8% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Other | 1,989 | 3,324 | 67.1% | 10,387 | 10,870 | 4.7% | 1.1% | 1.1% |
| **FISH PRODUCTS** | **4,917** | **3,859** | **-21.5%** | **22,278** | **20,732** | **-6.9%** | **2.3%** | **2.1%** |
| Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon | 961 | 825 | -14.2% | 3,969 | 4,573 | 15.2% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen | 730 | 427 | -41.5% | 5,427 | 4,548 | -16.2% | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc. | 3,092 | 2,507 | -18.9% | 12,135 | 10,836 | -10.7% | 1.3% | 1.1% |
| Other | 133 | 100 | -24.8% | 747 | 775 | 3.7% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| **METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS** | **19,976** | **4,497** | **-77.5%** | **46,865** | **48,401** | **3.3%** | **4.9%** | **4.9%** |
| Copper Ores and Concentrates | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates | 19,694 | 4,160 | -78.9% | 44,989 | 42,553 | -5.4% | 4.7% | 4.3% |
| Unwrought Aluminum | 142 | 0 | -100.0% | 604 | 420 | -30.5% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Unwrought Zinc | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other | 140 | 338 | 140.5% | 1,272 | 5,428 | 326.6% | 0.1% | 0.5% |
| **ENERGY PRODUCTS** | **71,306** | **66,710** | **-6.4%** | **278,600** | **380,158** | **36.5%** | **28.9%** | **38.5%** |
| Natural Gas | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Coal | 71,302 | 66,709 | -6.4% | 278,578 | 380,126 | 36.5% | 28.9% | 38.5% |
| Electricity | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other | 4 | 1 | -69.6% | 22 | 30 | 35.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT** | **27,538** | **28,059** | **1.9%** | **130,837** | **165,259** | **26.3%** | **13.6%** | **16.7%** |
| Motor Vehicles and Parts | 762 | 857 | 12.4% | 7,987 | 4,638 | -41.8% | 0.8% | 0.5% |
| Electrical/Electronic/Communications | 3,660 | 5,180 | 41.5% | 15,028 | 25,549 | 70.0% | 1.6% | 2.6% |
| Other | 23,115 | 22,022 | -4.7% | 107,842 | 135,072 | 25.2% | 11.2% | 13.7% |
| **PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC** | **1,268** | **1,525** | **20.3%** | **4,474** | **6,112** | **36.6%** | **0.5%** | **0.6%** |
| **APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES** | **617** | **568** | **-7.9%** | **5,464** | **4,985** | **-8.8%** | **0.6%** | **0.5%** |
| **ALL OTHER COMMODITIES** | **5,780** | **6,339** | **9.7%** | **35,720** | **31,256** | **-12.5%** | **3.7%** | **3.2%** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **224,954** | **175,364** | **-22.0%** | **965,418** | **987,463** | **2.3%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** |

* Note that as of May 1, 2004 the European Union expanded to include ten new members. These figures include those ten countries.



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